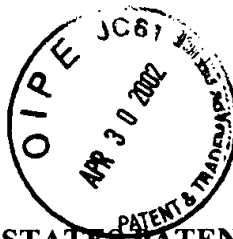


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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2002, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before May 4, 2002, with a request for a one (1)-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(a) and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendment and remarks concerning election of claim group.